

PLANNING COORDINATION GROUP  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

August 30, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE  
ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director of Central Intelligence

This will acknowledge your memorandum of 18 August 1955 in which you furnished suggested amendments to the draft paper entitled "How the PCG Should Function," dated August 9, 1955.

I advised the PCG Chairman, Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, of the receipt of your suggestions. He indicated the desirability of discussing the draft paper, including your suggestions, with the PCG members after both you and he have returned to Washington late in September. In the meantime arrangements have been made for sufficient funds to carry the PCG along until then.

I shall hold your suggested amendments for circulation later prior to holding a PCG meeting to discuss them.

*T. W. Parker*  
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Executive Secretary

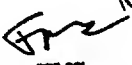
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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

I have sent a copy of this to Dick Bissell.

After you have noted I will hold to show to  
Mr. Dulles upon his return.

  
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18 AUG 1955

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Brig. General Theodore S. Parker  
Planning Coordination Group  
The White House

**FROM:** Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence

I refer to the meeting last Wednesday of the PCG when we considered a draft of memorandum for the PCG members entitled "How the PCG should function," dated August 9, 1955. As promised, I send you certain suggested amendments insofar as they relate to the covert operations of CIA.

Page 5, para 5: Delete the second and third sentence and insert:

"The security requirements with respect to the planning and carrying out of covert operations are such that the methods applicable in both the planning and executive stage differ from those applicable to overt activities. The relation of PCG to such operations is treated under paragraphs 6 and 7 below. In this connection it should be pointed out that covert operations are designed to be in support of national objectives and overt activities and are therefore related to existing policy. Whenever the PCG considers that such policies require covert operations to carry them out, the PCG could exercise a useful function in ascertaining whether appropriate covert actions are being taken and if not, in suggesting covert operations which might be initiated. After appropriate staffing work has been done by CIA, it could report back to the PCG the nature of the action planned to be taken, with a view to securing its approval pursuant to NSC 5412/1."

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Delete paragraph 7 on page 6 and 7 and insert:

"NSC 5412/1 provides that except as the President otherwise directs, the regular members of the Planning Coordination Group should hereafter be advised in advance of major covert programs initiated by the CIA under NSC 5412 or as otherwise directed, and shall be the normal channel for giving policy approval for such programs as well as securing coordination of support therefor among the Departments of State and Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency.

"In the covert field, it is the duty of CIA to elaborate plans for covert operations and to carry them out subject to policy approval given through PCG in the case of new major programs. To the extent that consideration of new major programs requires the knowledge of a background of programs already in operation, the PCG should be advised of such operations. In addition, the PCG should suggest for consideration situations and opportunities in which it appears that covert operations are desirable to support overt governmental activities and objectives.

"The requirements of security are such that written dissemination of planning papers and programs is not appropriate. Arrangements, however, should be worked out by which members of the PCG and their designated representatives can be adequately briefed so as to permit discussion and decision of relevant matters by the members of the PCG."

SIGNED

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ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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